



CALENDAR OF EVENTS—APRIL/MAY 2005



Visit parks along the George Washington Memorial Parkway for the exciting events listed below. The National Park Service sponsors all programs, unless otherwise listed. Info: 703- 289- 2500 (weekdays) OR 703- 289- 2556 or - 2552 (weekends) OR go to [www.nps.gov/gwmp](http://www.nps.gov/gwmp). (Directions to park sites will be posted on the web page.)



Schedule by Dates

See detailed program descriptions below and on reverse side for more information. A key to park abbreviations is listed on the bottom of this chart.

| April Events   | May Events (continued)  |
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| Apr. 2: Potomac Watershed Cleanup<br>Multiple sites  | May 7: Netherlands Carillon Concert, 2-4 p.m., NC   |
| Apr. 3: Bird Walk, 8-10:30 a.m., BH/DM   | May 8: Bird Walk, 8-10:30 a.m., BH/DM   |
| Apr. 9: Animal Antics, 2-3 p.m., FH  | May 8: Theodore Roosevelt Island Safari,<br>2-3 p.m., TRI                                     |
| Apr. 10: Bird Walk, 8-10:30 a.m., BH/DM  | May 14: Volunteer Orientation, 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m., HQ  |
| Apr. 10: Let Freedom Ring, 2-3 p.m., USMCWM/NC   | May 14: Netherlands Carillon Concert, 2-4 p.m., NC  |
| Apr. 16: Junior Ranger Program: Wildflowers,<br>10 a.m. – 12 p.m., TRun<br>(Reservations Required) | May 15: Bird Walk, 8-10:30 a.m., BH/DM  |
| Apr. 17: Bird Walk, 8-10:30 a.m., BH/DM  | May 15: River Rove, 2-3 p.m., TRun  |
| Apr. 17: Theodore Roosevelt Island Safari,<br>2-3 p.m., TRI  | May 21: Junior Ranger Program: Beaver Business<br>10 a.m.-12 p.m., DI (Reservations Required) |
| Apr. 24: Bird Walk, 8-10:30 a.m., BH/DM  | May 21-22: Spring Colonial Market Fair,<br>11 a.m.-4:30 p.m., CMCF                            |
| Apr. 24: River Rove 2-3 p.m., TRun   | May 21: Netherlands Carillon Concert, 2-4 p.m., NC  |
| Apr. 30: Beaver Business, 2-3 p.m., DI   | May 22: Bird Walk, 8-10:30 a.m., BH/DM  |
|  | May 22: Fort Hunt History Hike, 2-3 p.m., FH  |
|  | May 28: Theodore Roosevelt Island Safari,<br>2-3 p.m., TRI                                    |
|  | May 28: Netherlands Carillon Concert, 2-4 p.m., NC  |
|  | May 29: Bird Walk, 8-10:30 a.m., BH/DM  |
|  | May 29: Beaver Business, 2-3 p.m., DI   |
|  | May 30: (Memorial Day) Let Freedom Ring, 1-2 p.m.,<br>USMCWM/NC                               |
|  | May 30: Netherlands Carillon Concert, 2-4 p.m., NC  |

**KEY** BH/DM: Belle Haven Park/Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve; CIM: Columbia Island Marina; CMCF: Claude Moore Colonial Farm; DI: Daingerfield Island; DM: Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve (only); FH: Fort Hunt Park, GLEC: Glen Echo Park; HQ: Parkway Headquarters, Turkey Run Park; LBJ: Lyndon Baines Johnson Memorial Grove; MVT: Mount Vernon Trail; NC: Netherlands Carillon; TRun: Turkey Run Park; TRI: Theodore Roosevelt Island; USMCWM: U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial (i.e., Iwo Jima Memorial), USMCWM/NC: Program starts at U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial and ends at Netherlands Carillon

Animal Antics; Fort Hunt Park

Saturday, April 9 AND Sunday, May 1, from 2- 3 p.m.



Join a park ranger for a delightful hour to learn about the animals that live in the park. Learn amazing facts to share with friends. We'll stoke up the fireplace and settle in for a cozy time. This program is geared toward children 12 years and younger. Meet at Picnic Pavilion A.

Beaver Business; Daingerfield Island

Saturday, April 30 AND Sunday, May 29, from 2- 3 p.m.



Learn about the life history of the beaver and the benefits of wetlands by visiting Daingerfield Island. Join a ranger- led walk to observe lodges, tracks, gnawed trees, canals, and other signs of busy beavers along the Mount Vernon Trail. Meet in Overflow Lot.

Bird Walk - Friends of Dyke Marsh; Belle Haven Park/Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve

Sundays from 8- 10:30 a.m. (approximate ending time)



Members of the Friends of Dyke Marsh lead weekly bird walks, weather- permitting, every Sunday starting at the Belle Haven Picnic Area. Leaders assist visitors in observing birds along the Potomac River and adjoining islands and mudflats. Further information may be obtained at [www.fodm.org](http://www.fodm.org).

Fort Hunt History Hike; Fort Hunt Park

Sunday, May 22, from 2- 3 p.m.

Join a ranger for fascinating insight into the history of Fort Hunt Park. Learn about the site's development and later use during the Spanish- American War and both World Wars, including a top- secret spy mission. Meet a ranger at the Playground near Picnic Pavilion A. Park your vehicle in Area A.

## Junior Ranger Programs

### - Wildflower Walk (for children in Grades 3- 6); *Turkey Run Park*

*Saturday, April 16, from 10 a.m.- 12 p.m.*

Join a ranger for hike and learn about spring wildflowers. **Reservations are required!** Meet at the amphitheater in Area C. There is a limit of 15 children/session.

### - Beaver Business (for children in Grades 3- 6); *Daingerfield Island*

*Saturday, May 21, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.*

Join a ranger for a hike to observe lodges, tracks, gnawed trees, canals, and other signs of busy beavers along the Mount Vernon Trail. Learn about the life history of the beaver and the benefits of wetlands by visiting Daingerfield Island. **Reservations are required!** Meet in Overflow Lot. There is a limit of 15 children/session.

For reservations and program information, please contact Ranger Catie Drew at 703- 289- 2556, cathleen\_drew@nps.gov, OR Ranger Deborah Deas at 703- 289- 2550, deborah\_deas@nps.gov.



## Let Freedom Ring; *U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial/Netherlands Carillon*

*Sunday, April 10, from 2- 3 p.m.*

Join a ranger at the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial for a brief overview of its significance. Then take a short walk to see another symbol of freedom, the Netherlands Carillon. Feel free to stay and enjoy a special Memorial Day concert.



## Netherlands Carillon Recital Series, *Netherlands Carillon*

*Thursday, May 5, AND Saturdays, May 7, 14, 21, 28 AND Monday, May 30, from 2- 4 p.m.*

The Netherlands Carillon, a large bell tower, was a gift to the people of the United States from the Dutch people in appreciation for the liberation of Holland during World War II. Climb the tower and watch trained carillonneurs play the bells during the recital series. The tower, located near the U.S. Marine Corps War Memorial (Iwo Jima Memorial) in Arlington, VA, also offers one of the area's best views of the Washington, D.C. skyline. (Note: The May 5 concert celebrates Liberation Day, a national holiday in the Netherlands, which marks the end of German occupation of the country during World War II.)



## River Rove -Turkey Run Loop Hike; *Turkey Run Park*

*Sunday, April 24, from 2- 3 p.m.*

Take a hike along a 1- mile, moderate section of one of the most beautiful areas of Turkey Run Park and the Potomac Heritage Trail. There should be an abundance of spring wildflowers to observe. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water and binoculars (if you have them). Meet by the bulletin board at Parking Lot C- 1.



## Spring Colonial Market Fair, *Claude Moore Colonial Farm*

*Saturday and Sunday, May 21- 22, from 11 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.*

Artisans demonstrating 18th century crafts and skills, puppet show and other family activities; live music, dancing and singing; perennial herbs and flowers; period merchandise; roast chicken, other food and drink. Fee: \$5 adults; \$2.50 children 3- 12/senior citizens. Info: Claude Moore Colonial Farm 703- 442- 7557.

## Theodore Roosevelt Island Safari; *Theodore Roosevelt Island*

*Sundays, April 17 and May 8, AND Sunday May 28, from 2- 3 p.m.*

Join a ranger for an easy, 1- mile hike and learn about the history and natural environment of the island. There should be an abundance of spring wildflowers to observe. Wear sturdy shoes and bring water and binoculars (if you have them). Meet at the Memorial Plaza.



## Volunteer! Annual Potomac Watershed Cleanup; *Theodore Roosevelt Island, Potomac Heritage Trail, Daingerfield Island, Belle Haven Park/Dyke Marsh Wildlife Preserve, Fort Hunt Park, Riverside Park*

*Saturday, April 2, 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.*

Show you care...Help keep the park clean by picking up trash. *Note:* A Parental Approval Form must be signed for minors in advance of work. Sponsored by the George Washington Memorial Parkway, Alice Ferguson Foundation, and various other groups. For information/forms, contact Dana Dierkes at 703- 289- 2552 or John Rapphahn at 703- 289- 2553.



## Volunteer Orientation; *Parkway Headquarters, Turkey Run Park*

*Saturday, May 14, from 10 a.m to 3:30 p.m.*

Interested in becoming a park volunteer? Many opportunities exist for volunteering in our park. Examples include program guides, administrative assistance, watershed cleanup, etc. Come join us for an Introduction to the National Park Service, and participate in a session on Visitor Contact Skills. For more information, please contact 703- 289- 2552 or 703- 289- 2553.

## Volunteer! Watershed Cleanup & Weed War; *Belle Haven Park*

*Saturday, May 7, from 10 a.m.- 12 noon*

Show you care. Help keep the park clean by picking up trash and clearing exotic plants. *Note:* A Parental Approval Form must be signed for minors in advance of work. Sponsored by George Washington Memorial Parkway and The Campagna Center's Retired and Senior Volunteer Program. Meet at the bathrooms next to the Mount Vernon Trail. Call 703- 289- 2552 or 703- 549- 1607, x141, for information and to obtain necessary forms.

